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SONIC

THE HEDGEHOG

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Welcome to the planet Mobius -- a world unique and beyond what you know from the SEGA games!
Where Sonic the Hedgehog and the heroic Freedom Fighters work to save the world from the forces of evil!

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Who's Who

PREVIOUSLY...

Since Dr. Eggman launched his evil DEATH EGG Mark 2 battle station, the Freedom Fighters have had it pretty rough! The evil (omelet) dictator's first attack was the "Cosmic Reset Button," which altered reality itself!



Super Sonic was able to set the world right, but was unable to save Sally as she bravely sacrificed herself to stop Eggman's World Robotcizer. Transforming her into the most menacing evil the planet Mobius has ever seen: MECHA SALLY.

Newly weaponized by Eggman and ready for destruction, Mecha Sally shook up the Freedom Fighters' mission to escort the former royal family from New Mobotropolis to their new life in exile. Metal Sonic proved his terror as well, self-destructing with Antoine in tow! With two of their comrades out for the count, our heroes are left torn, uncertain of where to go from here.

Can the old team pull through or has the mad doctor finally put an end to the Freedom Fighters?



SONIC THE HEDGEHOG
HERO OF MOBIUS



MILES "TAILS" PROWER
SONIC'S BEST FRIEND



ROTOR WALRUS
CONCERNED COUNCIL MEMBER



AMY ROSE
MAGICAL HAMMER GIRL

ONYX
ISLAND--
3437
P.X.E.

I WAS
RIGHT! THERE
WAS A DRAFT
COMING FROM
BACK HERE,
THERE'S A
WHOLE HIDDEN
ROOM!

HRM...A
PRIVATE STUDY.
COULD'VE BEEN
MOTHERS...OR
EVEN GRAND-
DADDY'S.

REMEMBER THE FALLEN

SILVER THE
HEDGEHOG
TIME-TRAVELER

ANTOINE
D. COOLETTE
THE FALLEN

BUNNIE
D. COOLETTE
DE-POWERED
FREEDOM FIGHTER &
ANTOINE'S WIFE

MOGUL &
EDMUND
SILVER'S MENTORS

GEOFFREY
ST. JOHN
FORMER ALLY

SONIC THE
HEDGEHOG
HERO OF MOBIUS

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ALL THESE YEARS, AND I DIDN'T EVEN KNOW ABOUT THIS ROOM. THEN AGAIN, MOM DIDN'T GET THE CHANCE TO SHOW ME EVERYTHING ABOUT THE ISLAND...

SOMEBODY SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN RESEARCHING THE OLD FREEDOM FIGHTERS. I WONDER IF I CAN FIND A CLUE ABOUT THE TRAITOR IN HERE?*

*SILVER BELIEVES THERE IS A TRAITOR LURKING AMONG SONIC'S FRIENDS.

BAH! USE ALL THAT POWER OF YOURS TO FIND A DUST RAG OR A BROOM!

I CAN ONLY MOVE THINGS, NOT CONJURE THEM OUT OF THIN AIR!

THEN TURN YOURSELF UPSIDE-DOWN AND USE THOSE FRONDS OF YOURS! HEH! HEH!

HEH HEH... AH, LOOK, I JUST DON'T WANT YOU TO GET TOO WORKED UP. IT'S A BIG LIBRARY, YOU CAN'T EXPECT TO STUMBLE UPON THE ANSWERS TO ALL YOUR QUESTIONS IN--

ACTUALLY, SIR...

...THIS MIGHT JUST SOLVE EVERYTHING!

ANTOINE'S JOURNAL
Private!
Do not read!
That means, you, Sonic!

"I KNOW WHO THE TRAITOR IS."

NEW MOBO-TROPOLIS--
TOMMY
TURTLE
MEMORIAL
HOSPITAL.

3237 P.X.E.--
PRESENT.

... AND THE
DOC SAYS THE
POWER RING IS
HELPIN', BUT IT
DON'T SEEM TO
WORK AS WELL
AS IT DOES
FOR SONIC.

GET
WELL

D'COLETTE
ANTOINE



...AH CAIN'T STAND THE THOUGHT OF LOSING YOU ANY MORE THAN AH ALREADY HAVE.

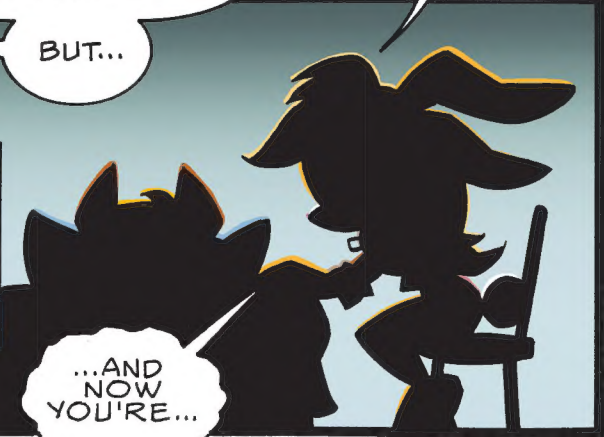
AH I'M SO SORRY, SUGAH. SO SORRY FOR EVERYTHING.





YOU NEVER TREATED ME DIFFERENT WHEN AH WAS PART ROBOT. YOU STOOD BY ME WHEN NAUGUS TURNED ME BACK TO NORMAL. YOU LOVED ME NO MATTER WHAT. YOU ALWAYS HAD THE STRENGTH TO BACK ME UP.

...WHEN YOU NEEDED ME TO BACK YOU UP, AH COULDN'T...



BUT...

...AND NOW YOU'RE...



NEVER AGAIN. AH'VE LOST YOU, AH'VE LOST SALLY, BUT I REFUSE TO LOSE ANYBODY ELSE. AH KNOW WHAT AH GOTTA DO TO PROTECT EVERYONE. TO MAKE THINGS RIGHT.



WAIT FOR ME, SUGAR-TWAN.



...AND PLEASE FORGIVE ME FOR WHAT AH GOTTA DO.



THE FUTURE.

MASTER!
MASTER! I'VE
FOUND IT! THE
KEY TO THE
PAST!

SO YOU'VE
SAID BEFORE.

I
KNOW,
BUT--!

MORE
THAN
ONCE.

...AND I
GOOFED
THOSE
TIMES.
I ADMIT IT.
BUT I'M SURE
I'M ON THE
RIGHT TRACK.
CAN WE
GO OVER
WHAT YOU
REMEMBER
ONE LAST
TIME?

I'VE TOLD YOU
BEFORE--MY MEMORY
OF THAT TIME IS...
HAZY, I RECALL THE
DOCTOR WAS CON-
TINUING HIS MAD
CONQUEST...

...NAUGUS
WAS LEADING THE
RESURGENCE
OF HIS ORDER
OF IXIS AS A
KING...

...AND I...I
WAS CONTENT TO
WAIT OUT THE
GENERATION IN
OPULENCE.

...WHEN I COULDN'T
BEEN HELPING THE
WORLD, ALL OF THIS CAME
TO PASS BECAUSE ONE OF
SONIC'S FOUNDING FREEDOM
FIGHTERS TOOK ACTIONS
THAT DESTROYED THE
TEAM. ONCE I'D...RE-
COVERED... IT WAS FAR
TOO LATE TO HELP.

THAT MATCHES
EVERYTHING I'VE
FOUND. THAT
MEANS THE
TRAITOR HAS TO
HAVE BEEN
ANTOINETTE
D'COOLETTE!



...COMMANDER D'COOLLETTE? THE SKITTISH... ONE?

YES! THIS JOURNAL IS PRETTY TORN UP, BUT I CAN STILL READ SNIPPETS. HE WRITES ABOUT HOW JEALOUS HE WAS OF SONIC, AND HOW HE THOUGHT HE WAS THE ONLY ONE FIT FOR COMMAND.

HERE! LISTEN TO WHAT'S LEFT OF THE LAST FEW ENTRIES...

"...TOO MANY WITNESSES..." AND THEN "IT IS MY HOPE THAT WITH SUCH A STRONG SHOW OF FORCE..." HE WAS OBVIOUSLY PLANNING SOMETHING! THEN THERE ARE THESE BITS:

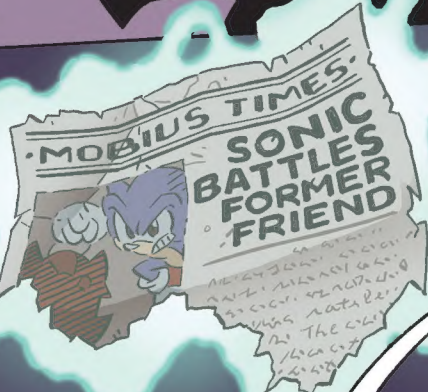
"...FAITH IN NAUGUS..."

"...FIND MYSELF DIVIDED..."

"...OUR TRUE KING..."

HE BETRAYED THE TEAM TO BRING THAT NAUGUS GUY INTO POWER! THAT'S WHY YOU REMEMBER NAUGUS AS A KING! IT'S PRACTICALLY A CONFESSION IN HIS OWN WORDS!

WITH MANY MORE OF THOSE WORDS MISSING, LOST TO TIME, IT IS THE MOST SOLID LEAD YOU'VE FOUND, BUT...



LOOK! I'VE FOUND THIS PICTURE OF SONIC FIGHTING ANTOINE! HERE'S A PAGE SAYING SOMETHING ABOUT ME FIGHTING SIDE-BY-SIDE WITH SONIC! THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS VANISH DURING THIS PERIOD! IT HAS TO BE HIM!

I JUST NEED TO--!



I HAVE WARNED YOU AGAINST ABUSING TIME-TRAVEL TOO MUCH.*EVEN NOW, OUR MEMORIES BECOME FUZZY, AND THE RUIN REMAINS UNABATED.

TRUE, I'M LUCKY YOU AND EDMUND REMEMBER ME AT ALL.

*SU # 25-28
--THE SILVER
SAGA!

FINE, I KNOW I'M RIGHT, AND I WILL SAVE THE WORLD, BUT... ER... HOW WILL I GET BACK TO THIS TIME?

I WILL WRITE INSTRUCTIONS FOR YOU NOW, FOLLOW THESE ONLY AFTER YOU'VE FOILED THE TRAITOR.

YOU'LL SEE, MASTER. I'LL FIX THIS ONCE AND FOR ALL AND BE BACK BEFORE YOU KNOW IT!

M.M. TIME IS RELATIVE, ESPECIALLY TO THOSE LIKE US.

WELL, YEAH, IT WAS A TIME-TRAVEL JO-- NEVER MIND.

TAKE CARE, SILVER, AND GOOD LUCK.

CHRONOS CONTROL!

BRN-DING

THE PRESENT...

BRN-
DING!



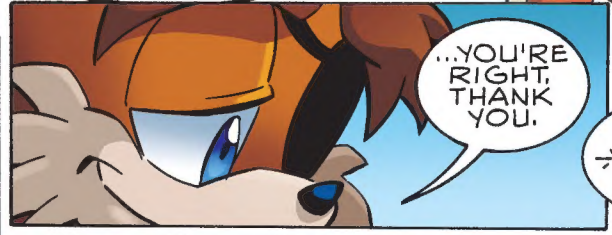
PERFECT!
NOW TO FIND
D'COOLETTE!



GO ON,
COMMANDER.

MISS
ROSE!
WHAT
DO YOU
--?

IT DOESN'T
MATTER HOW
LONG YOU TWO
HAVE BEEN APART.
I WAS GOING
TO CHECK ON
HIM MYSELF, BUT
HE NEEDS YOU
MORE RIGHT NOW.
TRUST ME.



...YOU'RE
RIGHT,
THANK
YOU.

⇒WHINE!⇒

...BALANCE
LOOKS ABOUT--
QUIET, T-PUP!
I'M FINE!

ARE
YOU
?



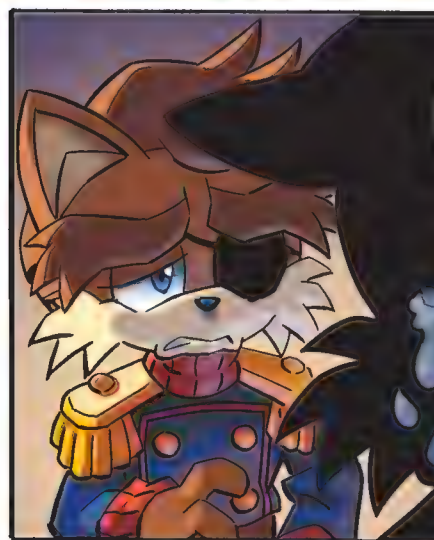
YOU
HAVEN'T
BEEN HOME
IN SOME
TIME. WE'RE
...WE'RE
WORRIED
ABOUT
YOU.



I'M SORRY, REALLY, BUT I HAVE WORK TO DO. I NEED TO GET THE NEXT TORNADO FINISHED. THEN WE CAN GO AFTER EGGMAN, AND THEN SAVE SALLY, AND THEN HELP ANTOINE. AND THEN THINGS WILL BE FIXED AND FINE AND...



SLIP!



Y-YOU...YOU FOUGHT IN THE GREAT WAR. HOW DO YOU...HOW DO YOU HANDLE IT WHEN SOMEONE SO CLOSE TO YOU...



YOU TAKE IT ONE DAY AT A TIME. YOU LIVE YOUR LIFE AS BEST YOU CAN AND PICK UP WHERE YOU LEFT OFF...



WHERE'S...? SNIFF?... WHERE'S...?

ROSE-MARY? SHE'S DEALING WITH GOVERNMENT BUSINESS. IT BREAKS HER HEART BECAUSE...

"...SHE'D MUCH RATHER BE HERE FOR YOU."

ROYAL ARMY HQ--
TEMPORARY
COUNCIL CHAMBER...

...AND FACTORED IN WITH HER FAILURE DURING THE BATTLE BIRD ARMADA'S INVASION.* I SAY THE COUNCIL OF ACORN HAS NO CHOICE BUT TO EXILE THIS PROGRAM FROM THE CITY!



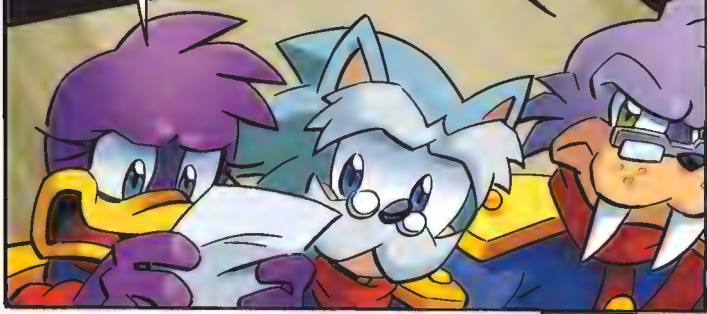
NICOLE'S PROGRAM RUNS EVERY NANITE IN THE CITY. COULD WE LEGITIMATELY EXILE HER?

NO.

ACTUALLY ...

*BABYLON RISING
--SU # 33-36.

...THE NANITES RUN ON A VERY BASIC CODE AND ARE REBUILDING AUTOMATICALLY OFF OF A "RESTORE POINT," THE CITY CAN FUNCTION WITHOUT ME, ALLOWING ME TO... LIVE MY OWN LIFE. WHILE IN FREEDOM HQ, I HAD TIME TO THINK ABOUT THIS. * I WOULD BE REQUIRED FOR NEW BUILDINGS OR DEFENSIVE MEASURES WITHIN THE CITY, THOUGH...



I DEFEND MY CITY, AND MY CITIZENS CAN BUILD WHAT THEY NEED. SIR CHARLES, HOW WOULD WE KEEP HER OUT?

WE CAN'T, REALLY. IT WOULD HAVE TO BE ON HER HONOR. I COULD MONITOR THE SYSTEM FOR SIGNS OF HER...



*SU # 36.

... BUT EXILE THERE MEANS SHE'D BE CONFINED TO FREEDOM H.Q.'S SCIENCE LAB, WITHOUT HER BODY OR A WAY TO INTERACT WITH US BESIDES A SCREEN...



THEN IT'S SETTLED!

ALL IN FAVOR OF...

...EXILING THE PROGRAM TO FREEDOM H.Q.?



WHAT?!
NAY!
NAY!!!

SIGH,
YEA

...YEA?

YEA!

YEA--
WHOA!

GRR...
YEA.

...YEA.

THE MOTION
CARRIES,
COUNCILOR.

HAVE YOU LOST YOUR
MINDS?! NICOLE IS
ONE OF US! A
FREEDOM FIGHTER!
SHE BUILT THIS
CITY FOR YOU! SHE
SAVED EVERY
SINGLE ONE
OF US!*
*STH #
176.

ROTOR!
ROTOR!



I UNDERSTAND,
NONE OF US ARE
HAPPY ABOUT THIS
EITHER, BUT THIS IS
WHAT THE PEOPLE
WANT. THEY'RE SCARED.
THEY WERE SCARED
EVEN BEFORE THE
CHANGE IN MONARCHS,
THE DEATH EGG, THE
ARMADA, AND
LOSING SALLY AND
ANTOINE.

THIS IS JUST TO
CALM PEOPLE
DOWN--TO GIVE
THEM A
SENSE OF
STABILITY.
IT'S ONLY
TEMPORARY.
WE CAN VOTE
ON IT AGAIN.



NO, I'M NOT GOING TO LET
THIS CITY LOSE ANOTHER
FREEDOM FIGHTER. I STILL
VOTE "NAY," BUT SINCE
THAT DOESN'T SEEM TO
CARRY ANY WEIGHT...



... I RESIGN OUT OF
PROTEST. THIS COUNCIL
IS FOR THE CITIZENS,
AND IT JUST BETRAYED
ONE OF THEM.

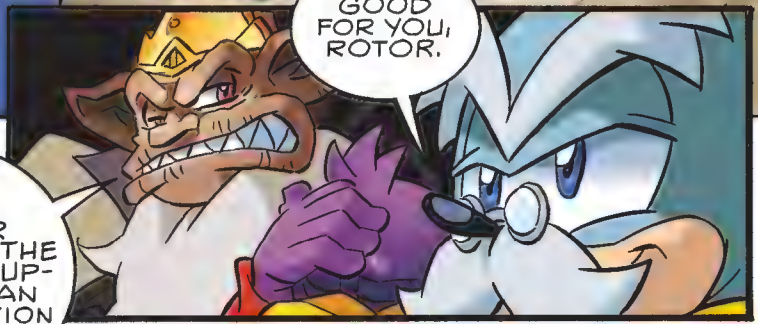


ROTOR?
WAIT--
ROTOR!

YOU...?! BUT...!
CAN HE DO
THAT...?!

ACCORDING TO
THE PROVISIONAL
CONSTITUTION...
YEAH!

GOOD
FOR YOU,
ROTOR.

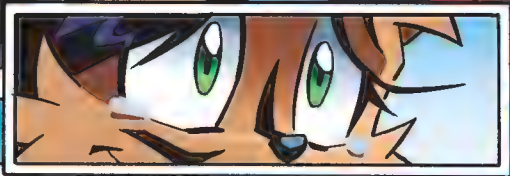


WELL THEN
...SIR CHARLES,
PREPARE WHATEVER
YOU NEED TO ENSURE THE
PROGRAM'S EXILE, I SUP-
POSE WE NEED TO PLAN
AN EMERGENCY ELECTION
FOR A REPLACEMENT
NOW...?

NO, ROTOR,
PLEASE! GO BACK
IN AND TAKE BACK
YOUR POSITION!
I'LL BE FINE IN
THE COMPUTER! I--

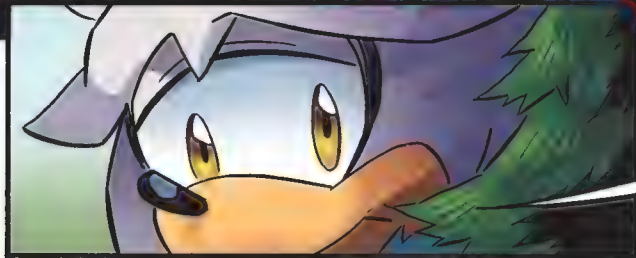
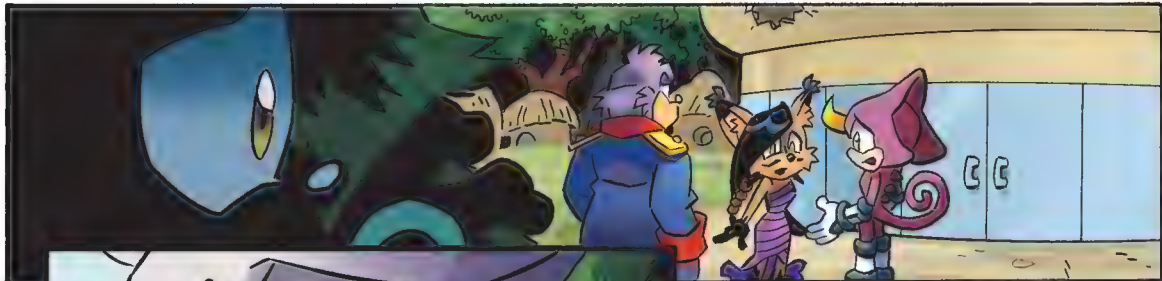


I MEANT WHAT I SAID
BACK THERE. I WASN'T
THERE FOR SALLY OR
ANTOINE, AND I FAILED
TO PROTECT YOUR RIGHTS.
I DON'T CARE IF THE
WHOLE CITY'S GONE
CRAZY, YOU'RE STILL A
FREEDOM FIGHTER,
AND YOU'RE
STILL MY
FRIEND.



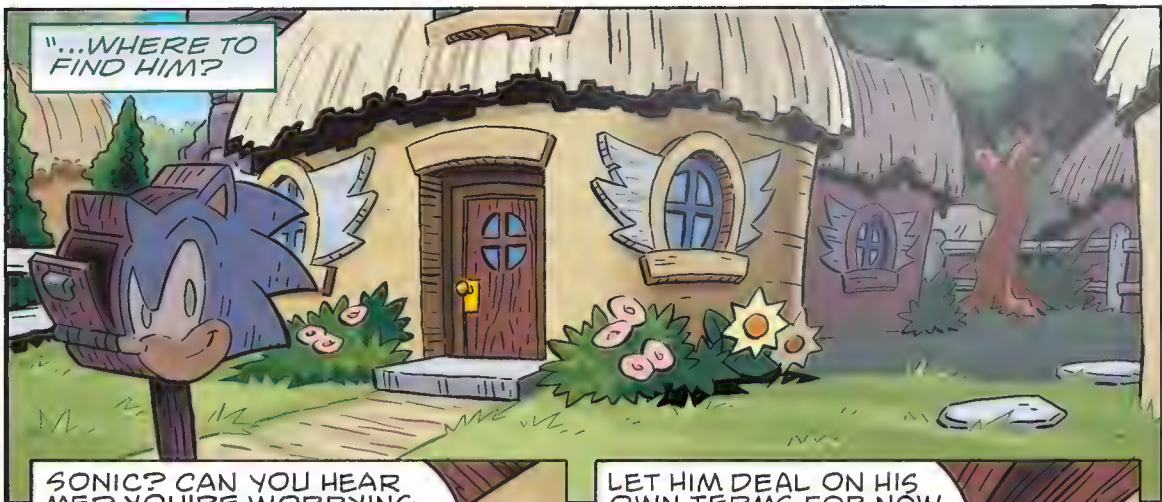
...THANK YOU,
ROTOR. THIS
MEANS MORE
THAN YOU
KNOW.





I'M SORRY I EVER SUSPECTED YOU, "BOOMER,"* AT LEAST I CAN MAKE IT UP TO YOU BY STOPPING ANTOINE. NOW...

* 5TH 215-216



"...WHERE TO FIND HIM?"

SONIC? CAN YOU HEAR ME? YOU'RE WORRYING EVERYONE ELSE... PLEASE COME OUT? OR AT LEAST LET ME IN?

LET HIM DEAL ON HIS OWN TERMS FOR NOW, DEAR. HE KNOWS WE'RE HERE FOR HIM WHENEVER HE NEEDS US, RIGHT?

RIGHT. ANYTIME, SONIC!



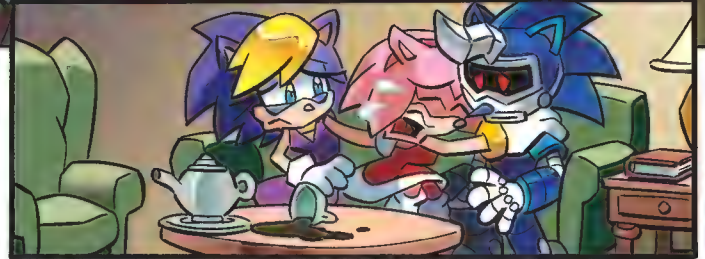
YOU'VE CERTAINLY BEEN BUSY SINCE... THAT DAY.

YOU DON'T NEED TO SUGAR-COAT IT, BERNIE. BUT, YEAH, I'VE TRIED TO STAY BUSY.

I HELPED TAILS LINK UP WITH AMADEUS, DELIVERED ALL THE WELL-WISHING GIFTS TO BUNNIE THIS MORNING, CHECKED IN WITH ROSIE... WHO IS REALLY UPSET... AND NOW SONIC...

BECAUSE IF I... IF I H-HELP EVERYONE ELSE D-DEAL W-WITH THEIR GRIEF, I-I-I WON'T HAVE TO... I'LL B-BE TOO BUSY TO... T-TO...

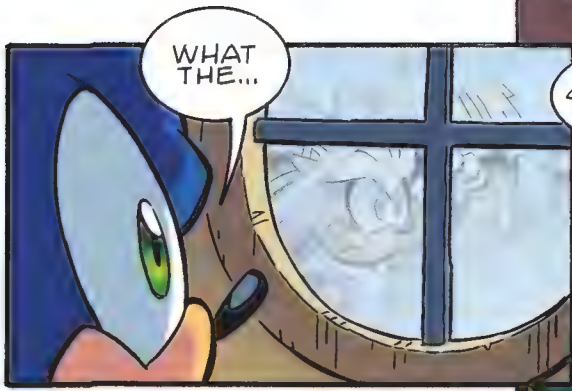
AMY, IT'S OKAY. WE'RE HERE FOR YOU NOW.



SOB!

I CAN BE A REAL JERK SOMETIMES, Y'KNOW THAT, BUDDY? ANTOINE DESERVED BETTER. AT LEAST I CAN BE THERE FOR AMY...





WHAT THE...



SILVER?

OH! SONIC! I'M... WELL, I'M LOOKING FOR THE TRAITOR. CAN YOU TELL ME WHERE...?

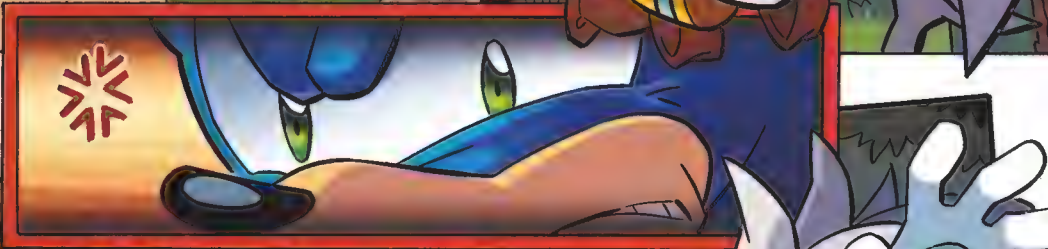


OH, FOR THE LOVE OF... LOOK, I REALLY DON'T HAVE THE PATIENCE FOR THIS TODAY. GO SELL YOUR BRAND OF CRAZY ELSEWHERE.

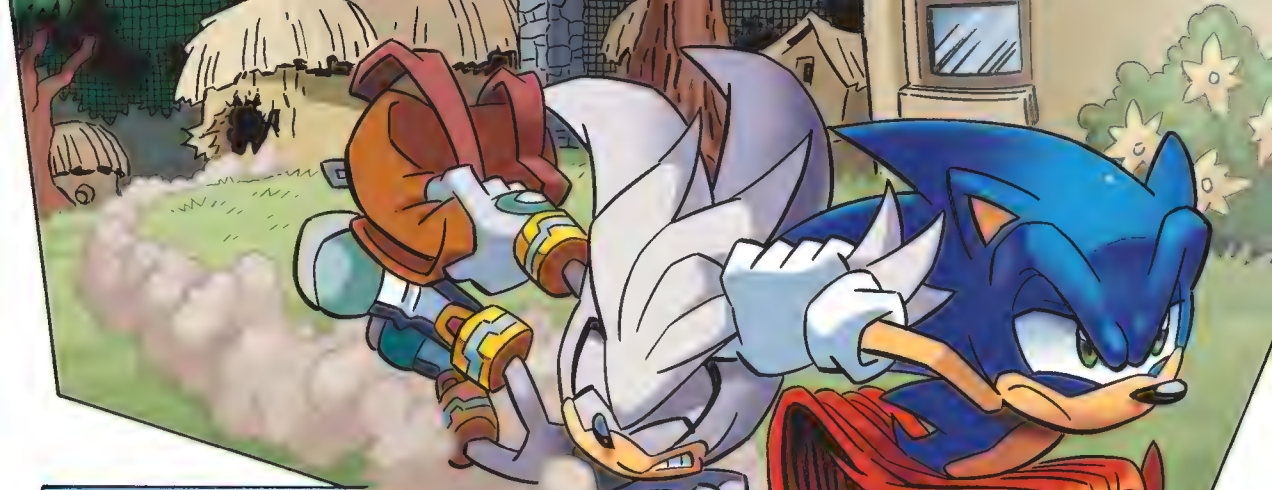
NO-NO-NO--LISTEN! I KNOW I JUMPED TO CONCLUSIONS BEFORE, BUT THIS TIME I'M SURE OF IT! I EVEN STAKED MY--

CLOSING THE WINDOW NOW...

IT'S ANTOINE! ANTOINE WILL BETRAY YOU ALL!

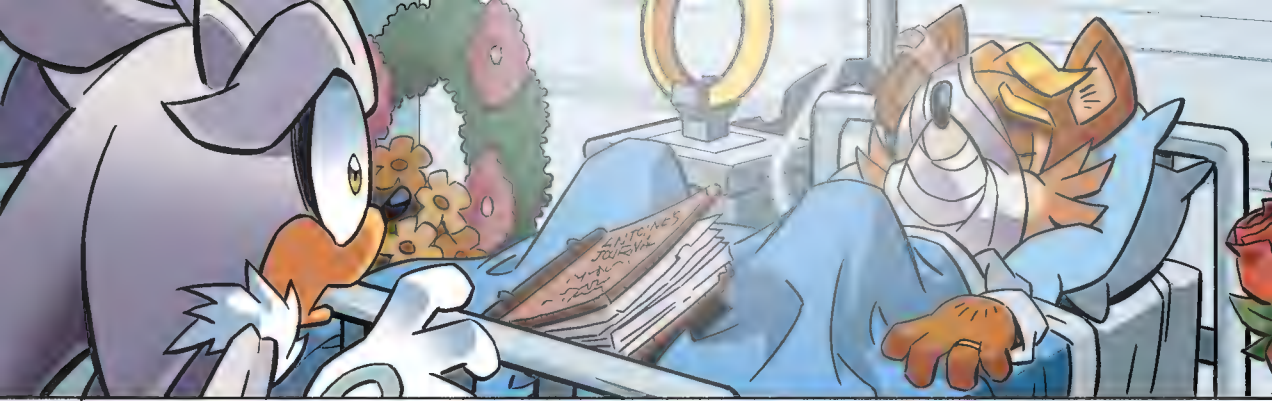


AUGH!



YOU JERK!
I'M TRYING TO
HELP! I'VE GOT
TO STOP...

WHOOOF!



...ANTOINE...
WHAT...?
HOW...?

HE SAVED THE LIFE OF
THE REAL KING THE
OTHER DAY. HAD METAL
SONIC SELF-DSTRUCT
IN HIS FACE. DR. QUACK
SAYS THAT IF HE
COMES OUT OF HIS
COMA, HE MIGHT
UNDERSTAND HOW
MUCH OF A HERO
HE WAS.



NO! IT ALL MATCHED
UP! I... THERE HAS
TO BE SOME MISTAKE!
BUT HE'S...HE'S...

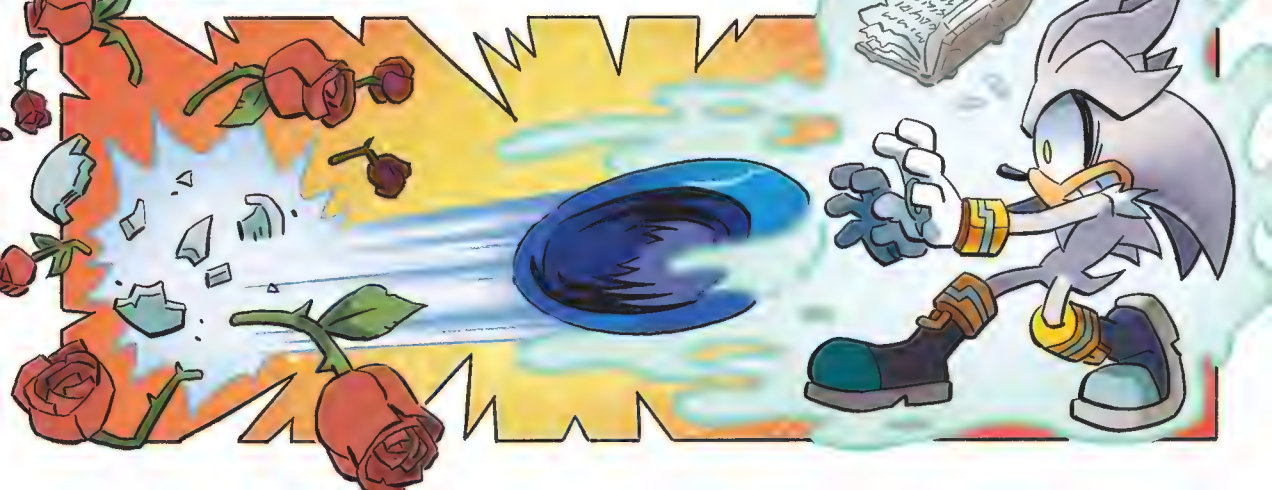


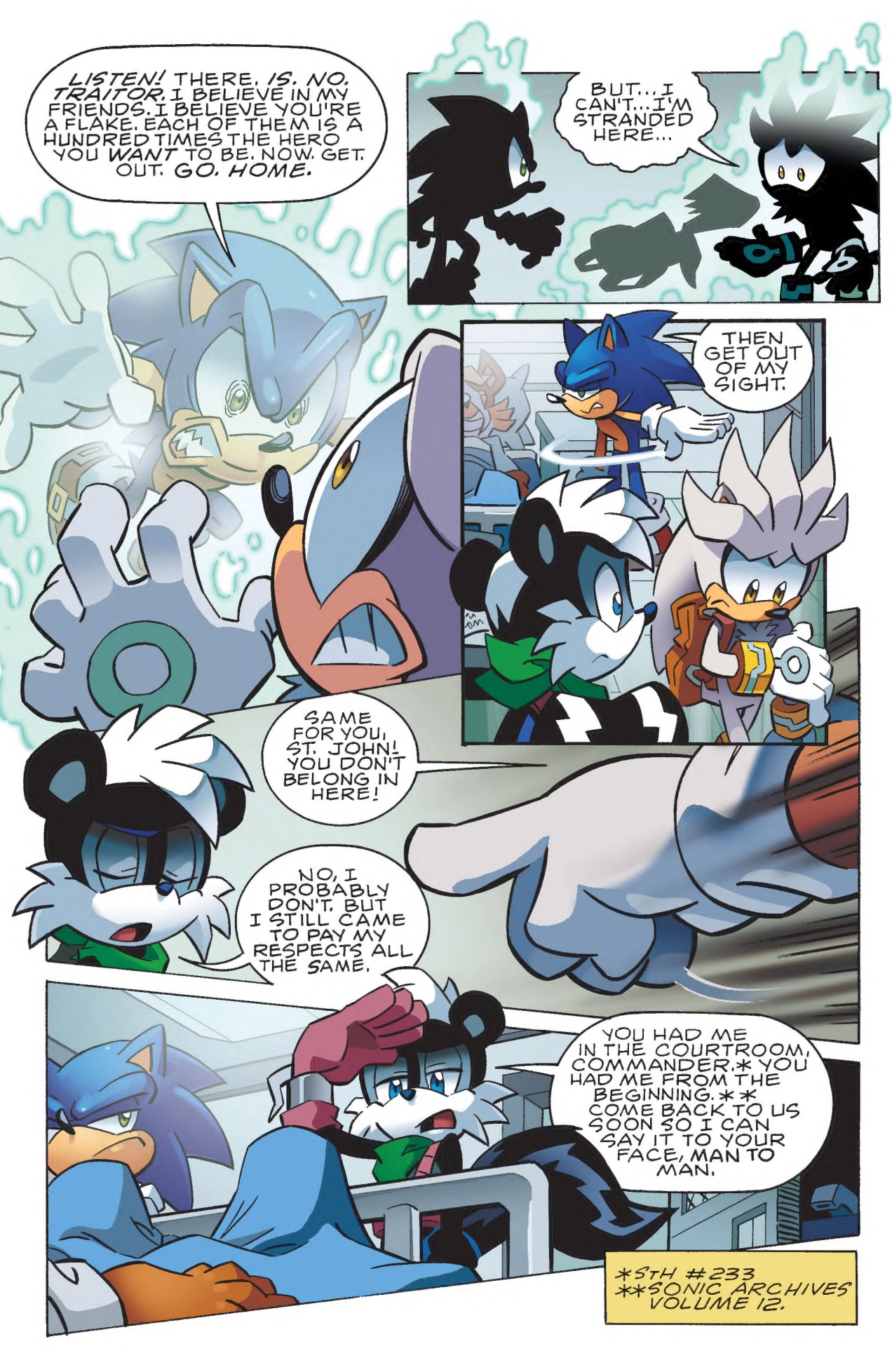
SHE'S
GONE.

WHAT?
WHO?

BUNNIE.
SHE BLAMES
HERSELF FOR
ANTOINE AND
LEFT FOR
...SOME-
WHERE.

OH, MAYBE...
MAYBE SHE'S THE
ONE, THEN, SINCE
SHE'S GONE MISS--





LISTEN! THERE IS NO TRAITOR. I BELIEVE IN MY FRIENDS. I BELIEVE YOU'RE A FLAKE. EACH OF THEM IS A HUNDRED TIMES THE HERO YOU WANT TO BE. NOW. GET OUT. GO. HOME.




BUT... I CAN'T... I'M STRANDED HERE...




THEN GET OUT OF MY SIGHT.



SAME FOR YOU, ST. JOHN! YOU DON'T BELONG IN HERE!



NO, I PROBABLY DON'T, BUT I STILL CAME TO PAY MY RESPECTS ALL THE SAME.



YOU HAD ME IN THE COURTROOM, COMMANDER.* YOU HAD ME FROM THE BEGINNING.** COME BACK TO US SOON SO I CAN SAY IT TO YOUR FACE, MAN TO MAN.

*STH #233
**SONIC ARCHIVES VOLUME 12.



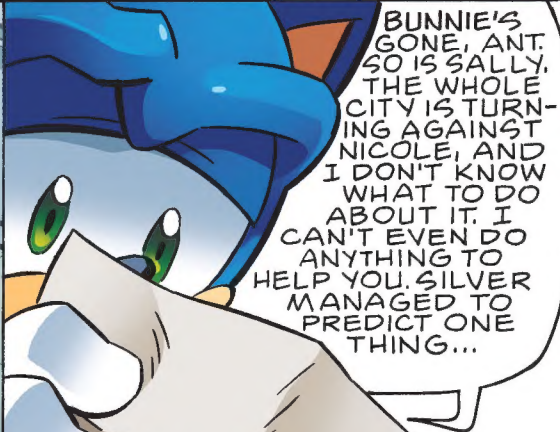
I DON'T GET YOU, MAN. ONE MINUTE YOU'RE OUR BEST FRIEND, THE NEXT YOU'RE STABBING US IN THE BACK.

JUST BECAUSE WE'RE ON OPPOSING SIDES DOESN'T MEAN I CAN'T RESPECT MY ADVERSARIES, MATE.

EVEN IF THINGS AREN'T WORKING OUT HOW I WANTED.



MY CONDOLENCES FOR LOSING THE WOMAN OF YOUR LIFE, BY THE WAY, CHANGES HOW YOU LOOK AT THE WORLD, NO?



BUNNIE'S GONE, ANT. SO IS SALLY, THE WHOLE CITY IS TURNING AGAINST NICOLE, AND I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO ABOUT IT. I CAN'T EVEN DO ANYTHING TO HELP YOU. SILVER MANAGED TO PREDICT ONE THING...



...THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS ARE DONE.




JULAYLA MEMORIAL PARK.


THIS WORLD ...THIS TIME... IT'S SO BEAUTIFUL!

...AND I'VE FAILED TO SAVE IT, AGAIN, BECAUSE I WAS WRONG ABOUT THE FREEDOM FIGHTER TRAITOR, AGAIN.







HAVING PROBLEMS TODAY, SON?




TODAY, TOMORROW, AND EVERY DAY AFTER THAT, I KEEP TRYING TO STOP THE END OF THE WORLD, AND I KEEP MESSING UP.




WHAT'S THE POINT? I'M OUT OF SUSPECTS AND MOTIVES! NAUGLIS IS ALREADY KING, SO THE RESURGENCE HAS TO BE RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER! I HAVE NO IDEA HOW TO SAVE ANYONE! IT'S NO USE!



HMM, YOU KNOW I'VE HEARD A RUMOR OF A TIME-TRAVELING HEDGEHOG, WOULD THAT HAPPEN TO BE YOU?



GREAT, EVERYBODY KNOWS ABOUT MY FAILURES NOW, THAT ALONE IS PROBABLY OPENING UP, LIKE, A MILLION TIME PARADOXES.




THEN TRY LISTENING FOR A MOMENT, I'VE HEARD YOU HAVE SOME INCREDIBLE POWERS AT YOUR DISPOSAL. WHAT IF I TOLD YOU I COULD HELP YOU USE THOSE POWERS TO SET THINGS RIGHT, SAVE THE CITY, AND NEVER ONCE GET NOTICED BY THE HISTORY BOOKS?



YOU ... YOU CAN DO THAT?



KID, I'M THE BEST THERE EVER WAS. WELCOME TO THE SECRET FREEDOM FIGHTERS!



WHO ARE THE SECRET FREEDOM FIGHTERS?
THEY'RE COMING SOON...IN **SONIC UNIVERSE #41-44!**
THEN COME BACK **NEXT TIME AS SONIC MUST SAVE THE CURRENT FREEDOM FIGHTERS FROM FALLING APART!**
MEANWHILE, DON'T MISS OUT ON THE **SONIC SUPER SPECIAL MAGAZINE** AND THE **ENTIRE GRAPHIC NOVEL COLLECTION!**



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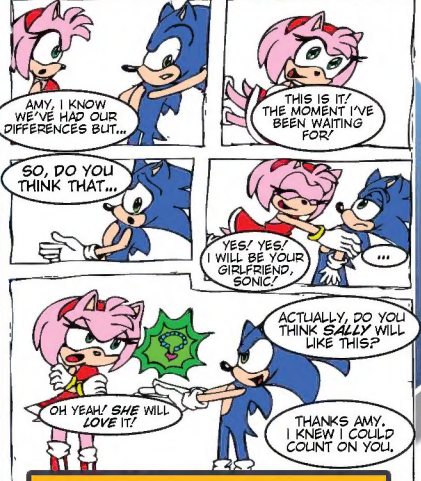
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